

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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| IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE | : | |
| DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE | : | NOTICE OF TENTATIVE |
| MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN | : | DECISION TO APPROVE |
| FOR ROBERT STEELE'S | : | |
| HICAL #1 MINE, JUAB COUNTY, UTAH | : | NO. M/023/071 |

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SLBM, JUAB
COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Robert Steele's HiCal #1 Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 13 South, Range 2 West, SLBM, Juab County, Utah.

Robert Steele has submitted a permit application to expand an existing small mining project to a large mining operation. Reclamation surety will be provided to the Division for the proposed project disturbance. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately eight acres of federal land, managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

During Operations: The operation will consist of a drill, blast, and crushing operation. First, the topsoil will be removed and stockpiled, then the travertine will be drilled and blasted. Once blasted, it will be pushed into a stockpile for crushing. After crushing, it will be stockpiled onsite for trucks to load and remove over a period of time. The site will consist of an ore stockpile, pad area, pit, highwall, and topsoil piles. The disturbance is planned to be approximately eight (8) acres and be contemporaneously reclaimed as the pit advances to the south. All equipment on site will be portable and only during mining campaigns will crushers, belts, etc. be found on site. The pit highwall will not be anymore than 35 feet high. Approximately 40,000 tons of ore will be mined and hauled per year.

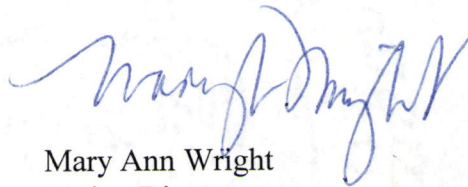
After Operations: Any remaining highwalls will be sloped to a 1:1, covered with excess clay and topsoiled using a trackhoe. The pit will be ripped on the contour with a bulldozer and covered with topsoil to a depth of 12 inches and planted in the fall of the year with a recommended seed mix.

The person representing the company is Mr. Robert Steele; Phone (435) 623-1877. Mr. Steele is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mark Mesch, Acting Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 9th day of March, 2005.

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Wright".

Mary Ann Wright
Acting Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Robert Steele's HiCal #1 Mine project, M/023/071 to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the 11th day of March, 2005 to:

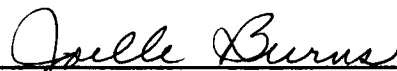
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